

BLM Study Review of Hells Canyon Complex Studies

Cultural Resource Inventory Summary Report Hells Canyon Transmission Lines 923, 924, (Borah to Brady) and 952 (Midpoint-Borah #1 to Adelaide), Power & Minidoka Counties, Idaho

Technical Report Appendix E.4-8

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1.INTRODUCTION

Idaho Power Company contracted Shoshone-Bannock Tribes Cultural Resource Survey Organization to conduct a cultural resource survey along the right-of-way for these two existing transmission lines to identify any cultural resources, to make an initial evaluation of those resources for the National Register of Historic Places, and to assess possible impacts to those cultural resources.

2.CONCLUSION

The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes Cultural Resource Survey Organization completed a Class III Cultural Resource Inventory of the lines. They discussed known nearby sites and newly discovered resources. They made preliminary evaluations about site significance and discussed possible impacts including transmission line-related impacts.

3.STUDY ADEQUACY

Initial review indicates that the study meets BLM and State Historic Preservation Office standards. Smithsonian numbers have not been assigned to newly discovered resources yet.

This report meets goals set in *Study Plan 8.4.1*.

4.BLM CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

CONCLUSIONS:

The survey was adequate, but minor typographical errors could be corrected. Additional coordination between BLM, SHPO and Idaho Power Company will be required to evaluate sites, assess impacts and consider possible mitigation.

The maps are fuzzy and washed out.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

In the Management Summary, it was stated that "No ground disturbance activities are associated with this project", but this reviewer thinks that routine operation and maintenance operations are using those access and project roads that cause some amount of impact.

The BLM, SHPO and IPC need to discuss the significance, impacts and possible mitigation. The history of the constructed line should be noted in any revisions of this report.

The maps need to be clear, informative and legible.

Additional Homestead information may be gathered from the Historical Index at the BLM.